

## At home in Hackney

After finding out about Murray Grove months before its completion, the persistent phone calls to Newlon to reserve a home finally paid off when first time buyers Paul Anglin and Silvia Hernandez became shared owners of a brand new three bedroom home.



Paul and Silvia in their home.

Paul, a Copywriter, and Silvia, a nurse at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, have been living in their Shared Ownership home for two years and life in Hackney couldn't be better for them, after previously renting on the private market in Brentford. Paul explained, "Hackney is so convenient for me to get to work, It is nearer to my parents and my daughter so I can drive there easily. A lot of our friends also live in the area. When we lived in Brentford we always gravitated towards Angel so this was the ideal location – it's very central." The location was a huge factor in deciding to buy a share in a new home, which is why Paul called Newlon for updates on completion at Oakleigh Court. He explained, "I found out about this development before it even came out, so I put the completion date in my diary and bugged the sales team at Newlon for months. It was mainly the location that attracted us."

Silvia's journey to work is no different than before but she now has the home she always wanted. "I like our flat because it's not a typical Victorian London House and it's all on one floor which is typical of homes in Spain, where I am from," said Silvia. Being on the ground floor Paul and Silvia have the advantage of a patio area, which was a big bonus. Silvia explained, "We bought the flat off plan and when we got here we realised we had a patio, which was a great surprise!"

If it wasn't for Shared Ownership we would still be renting so it is definitely worth doing," said Silvia. Paul agreed, "Shared Ownership is totally worth it. I think for a lot of people, especially Key Workers, there is no other way to get on the property ladder. If it wasn't for Shared Ownership we wouldn't be able to buy this place or live in this home."